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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED'S PROGRAM IN LIBYA

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1. MFA DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS NAJIB SHAYBANI ASKED CHARGE TO SEE HIM MAY 11 ABOUT LARG'S C-130 AIRCRAFT WHICH CANNOT BE REMOVED FROM U.S. WITHOUT DEPT APPROVAL. HE COMMENTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO APPARENT PROGRESS ON MATTER FOR MANY MONTHS, AND IT WAS POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT DECISION WAS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. SHAYBANI THEN SAID THERE WAS NEED FOR DIALOGUE BETWEEN US. CHARGE AGREED. SHAYBANI SAID THERE WAS ALSO NEED TO FINISH WITH QUESTION OF C-130'S, AND I ADDED IT SHOULD BE IN CONTEXT OF OUR OVERALL RELATIONS.

2. HE REPLIED IT WAS GOOD AND NECESSARY TO HAVE DIALOGUE ON OVERALL RELATIONS, BUT HE BELIEVED WE SHOULD BEGIN WITH SPECIFIC PROBLEM OF C-130'S WHICH HAS BEEN BEFORE US SO LONG, AND THEN MOVE TO OTHER QUESTIONS. SCENARIO HE HAS IN MIND IS THAT U.S. WOULD MAKE GUESTURE OF RELEASING AIRCRAFT TO IMPROVE ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN US AND LEAD TO WIDER DISCUSSIONS. WHILE SHAYBANI ARGUES FOR TREATING C-130'S IN ISOLATION, HE KNOWS BUT DOES NOT ADMIT THIS IS NOT  
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WORKING LEVEL QUESTION UNRELATED TO OUR POLICY AND

OBJECTIVES IN MIDDLE EAST. WHEN HE SPOKE ABOUT IMPROVING ATMOSPHERE, CHARGE POINTED OUT LARG-CONTROLLED RADIO AND PRESS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN BENT ON FOULING ATMOSPHERE LATELY. HE WAS SHOWN TEXT OF MAY 9 TRIPOLI BROADCAST CALLING THE SECRETARY "A ZIONIST AGENT". SHAYBANI ASSURED CHARGE THIS WAS NOT LARG VIEW.

3. SHAYBANI'S COMMENTS, WHICH MUST HAVE REFLECTED INSTRUCTIONS HE RECEIVED FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY, HAVE NO INDICATION LARG OR RCC WERE CONTEMPLATING ANY CONCRETE RECIPROCAL ACTION IF PLANES WERE RELEASED. NEITHER DID HIS COMMENTS INDICATE ANY LARG THOUGHT OF HIGHER LEVEL CONTACT ON ISSUE HERE OR ELSEWHERE BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF TWO GOVTS. I SUSPECT RCC THINKS HIGH LEVEL GIVE AND TAKE ON C-130 PROBLEM WOULD BE TOO CLOSE TO BEGGING ON THEIR PART. THIS ATTITUDE COULD BE REASON MAJOR MUHAYSHI AVOIDED MAKING CONTACT WITH DEPT DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

4. SHAYBANI'S DEMARCHE WAS SIGN OF GROWING LIBYAN IMPATIENCE, BUT AS EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT HE AVOIDED ANY INDICATION OF THREAT. IT WILL BE RECALLED (REFTEL) AIR FORCE COL. FARJANI THREATENED TO TERMINATE LOCKHEED MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING GROUP HERE IF THERE WERE NO PROGRESS ON C-130 ISSUE WITHIN SHORT TIME.

5. HE WAS TOLD HIS COMMENTS URGING RELEASE OF AIRCRAFT WOULD BE REPORTED TO DEPT. SHAYBANI SAID HE WOULD LIKE EARLY RESPONSE FROM ME, AND HOPED IT MIGHT BE BY MAY 15 OR 16. LAR AIR FORCE CLEARLY WANTS THESE PLANES BADLY, BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE REASONABLE CHANCE LARG WOULD NOW BRING MATTERS TO HEAD WITH LOCKHEED IF OUR RESPONSE GAVE NO HOPE OF CHANGE OF OUR STANDARD POSITION. BELIEVE LARG WOULD PROBABLY HOLD OFF IF WE SAID WE WOULD HAVE RESPONSE FOR THEM LATER THIS MONTH.  
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